THURSDAY EVEN'G, MARCH 25, 1880

The Children's Home.

The agitation of the question of ad mitting colored children to the "Home" in this city has afforded some local political interests an opportunity for a display of cheap demagogism which thinly veils their real purpose. As the Exam iner says this institution had its origin in a purely "private charitable enterprise." A few noble-minded, unselfish women have for years given their time, labor and intelligent efforts to its upl, uilding, and have seen its growth from a mere handful of children almost to, its present dimensions without any aid from the county. When they obtained a charter for it the word " white" was inserted in it as it was in most all similar documents at that time in accordance with a notion -" prejudice" if you please-then, and even now, almost universal against the social intermingling of the races. Private charity supported it on that basis for years until its private management had acquired for its use a splendid property and the demand for admission to its privileges increased beyond the capability of private charity to satisfy them. During all this time there never was any application for the admission of a colored child. None ever knocked at its door for charity.

When the law was passed providing for the support of the Home so largely by the county it provided also that the managers should receive all the children turned into it from the almshouse or committed to it by township boards, without regard to race or color. And in consequence, of the more than a hundred present inmates of the Home there are only nine who were admitted simply on the motion of the managers. On behalf of these the private charity of the institution contributes the use of a property worth \$40,000, and the county annually contributes \$10,000-while the managers and earnest friends of the Home give their time, some of them exclusively, to it, without any recompense. In all the discussion of the matter it has been represented that some private interests were being largely served by the public aid. The obligation has been altogether on the other side.

All this time the management have been fully considering the question of admitting colored children; they have only been duly appreciative of the feelings of some of their most valuable members, who have done most for the Home, and have been content to wait until there was a real necessity to decide the troublesome question. That question would not of its own accord have arisen before the Home was in a better position to meet it, and might have been postponed without doing the slightest injustice, save for the officious intermeddling of a few designing politicians, who will never be happy until they can make the spoil of contending "Bull Rings" and "Hog Rings." We can assure the people of the county that when the prewith them their property, their common Home's charter.

management against the color of a black skin," the Examiner intends to hold up to public ridicule that excellent Christian woman, Mrs. S. M. Kramph, whom everybody concedes to be the good genius of the Home, and to whose deep-rooted aversion to the commingling of the two races, much deference has been paid. Those who know her know that from the outset the Home has been the object of her unselfish devotion, of all her time and anxiety and labor; to it she has given her love, her affection and her money; and it is no wonder that the sensible men and women who have co-operated with her should in some measure share her "prejudices" in all things relating to its management.

We have no doubt that if left to their own good judgment-of which they have plenty—the Home trustees and managers will find an easy solution of the present problem, that will do violence to nobody's feelings whose feelings are to be respected, and which will commend itself to the common sense of the whole community. The one thing that nobody wants, whose opinion is entitled to any respect, is that the present management of the Home shall "get out" of the way for the Examiner's friends to run the Home and steal its appropriations for their bull beef and spoiled corn, and to make its household a roost for their retainers.

A DESPATCH from Washington to the Philadelphia Record says "the anti-Tilden men here feel perfectly certain that they will have an overwhelming majority in the Democratic state convention of present. Pennsylvania, and claim the vote of the state under the unit rule at Cincinnati cratic state convention will be ground to | five years. powder. The Lancaster county deleas the Lancaster county Democracy de- published. He speaks of the "generous sire them to vote, and the same is true of character which belongs to the Democracy the Clearfield county delegates and the of the country. If a public servant," he during which one man had his leg broken. Allegheny county delegates and the Phil- adds, "will be but true to them and their adelphia delegates and the representa- principles, their kindness will supply all tives of every other district. There are his other deficiencies and even magnify in-54 delegates to be chosen from the vari- to meritorious actions those which are but ous districts, and to say that 28 of them | the simple performance of duty." shall cast the vote of the whole 54 and | Chief Engineer Harman Newell, U. S. that 26 shall be disfranchised, is to say N., died at his residence in the navy yard and Mamore railroad, in Brazil, have lost what no fair man will ask and what no decent Democrat will stand. We are funeral will take place to-day, and will be having sustained a decision of the court of against the unit rule no matter whom it attended with the customary honors, after appeals by which the money which they helps or hurts; we are against all Came- which the remains will be conveyed to verted to other persons. The court's ruling track, ditching all those on it. Two of uoz methods of disfranchising any Demo- Philadelphia under escort of a detachment stopped the construction, substantially, a the convicts, both colored, and one of the dis Valley, Manheim township, was transcratic constituency in the state.

QUERY-Does \$580.40 worth of auditing " audit ?"

Quite Mistaken. The Harrisburg Patriot declares that

the INTELLIGENCER, along with other Democratic papers in Pennsylvania that it mentions, proposes to carry the state this fall without any assistance from Senator Wallace, and that we are doing our for affectionate care in long sickness. He 'level best" to destroy what influence he possesses in the politics of the state. We are innocent of any such intention. We hope that the Democratic party will have the active assistance of Senator Wallace this fall. The misapprehension of the Patriot arises from the fact that we have been compelled to inquire of Senator Wallace whether certain sena- uses! torial action in Pennsylvania matters has been taken with his assent and by his vote, and whether it was intended to help the Democracy in Pennsylvania in the coming contest; and if so, how; because it did not seem to us that it had that tendency.

The acts we especially referred to were the confirmation of James N. Kerns, Republican marshal of the Eastern district. and the rejection of Mr. Clark, Democrat, nominated as supervisor in the Columbia district.

We have had no answer from Senator Wallace as to the Clark matter. In the Kerns affair a circular was issued from Washington a week ago, which contained the correspondence of Senator | ward,' and can afford to hold his senatorial Wallace with the judiciary sub-committee | ambition in abeyance." Other information that had Kerns's appointment in charge, from which it appeared that Senator than pardon Kemble. But why resign? Wallace had not recommended it to be If their opposition is to mean anything confirmed, but had on the other hand they must "stick." resisted it. These letters were, how ever, unaccompanied by any statement from Senator Wallace that the confirmation of Kerns had been made without his vote and against his continued protest. If this had been added it would have satisfactorily appeared that our senator was no way responsible for the appointment and we would have taken pleasure in holding him acquitted of the charge brought against him, which is based on public report, on the consideration usually shown by their fellow-senators to appointments made in the states of the individual senators, and upon the statement of Congressman O'Neill in the House of Representatives, and of friends of Senator Wallace outside of it, that he withdrew his opposition to Kerns's confirmation and permitted it to be made.

If the Patriot, which speaks especially for Mr. Wallace, will give us the assur- allowing the Republican census supervisance we seek by his authority, and will kindly enable us to comprehend the Democratic wisdom of his conduct in the two matters we have referred to, it will perceive that it will take away from us warn any Democrat who attempts such a all excuse for the exhibition of the dicker, that a millstone hanged around his malevolence towards Senator Wal-

end of Democratic success it would be well for us to be communicative to one other party affairs. another and not to get in a huff when a polite inquiry is made as to the particu- The Philadelphia North American thus lar value to the Democratic party of any dismisses him: "Mr. George Augustus the Home and all its precious interests act of its servants. It is somewhat fool- Sala has gone home. He sailed from New ish to declaim against such a question as York yesterday, carrying with him, as we an impairment of Democratic harmony judge from his published correspondence, and to rail at the questioners, as is many pleasant memories of the excellence sent management "get out," and take done in the following heading put to and variety of American living. We be-Senator Wallace's circular letter in the lieve Mr. Sala came over with a political sense, their thrift and their unselfish Kerns matter. The circular kindly mission. He was going to answer the philanthropy, and leave the county's omits the Intelligencer from the as- Southern question, or solve the Indian hundred homeless children to the tender sociation with the Pittsburgh Post and problem, or something of the kind; but mercies of the politicians' scramble to the Erie Herald which the Patriot our hotel bill of fare beguiled him and he steal the \$10,000 appropriation, charity gives it, and we do not feel did cat and was content with his experiwill be abused far more than it has been therefore that we are reflected upon by ence. He has not so far cared to extend by the restrictive word " white" in the its terms : but yet we do think that the his investigations. Perhaps it may be adbest way to meet "falsehood and slan- mitted, without discourtesy, that in one By its sneer at "the narrow prejuders" is with the simple truth, fully, sense Mr. Sala has been a disappointment. dice of one person connected with its plainly and authoritatively told, and if He enjoys the reputation at home of being Senator Wallace will state over his sig- a brilliant journalist and the prince of cornature that he opposed Kerns's confirma- respondents; but a man on the American tion to the very last, it will not be nec- press who could not do better work of the essary for him to assail any Democratic kind than he has accomplished would not newspaper for slandering him. They be able to earn his salt. Mr. Sala has would not dare to do it. The circular simply shown himself to be a kindly genheading reads thus:

TO DEMOCRATS.

THE ABUSE OF SENATOR WALLACE. The Democratic senator from Pennsyl- ner." vania is always made the target of newspaper abuse just before a Democratic state convention. Falsehoods and slanders are regularly revamped to weaken his influence with the Democracy whom he serves so faithfully and so ably in the Senate. He has his failings, and he makes mistakes like other men, but is this any reason for distracting the party or dividing the organization. The Pittsburgh Post and the Erie Herald rehash the lies of the New York Sun, and are very busy in this work of defamation now.

Is this the way to win the great battle of 1880? Is this the road to harmony or success? Ought we not to strengthen the hands of our public men and sustain them against the common foe?

Read the following answer to one of fatal. these slanders on a pure public man, and judge the others by it.

PERSONAL.

General Grant telegraphs that he will be in New Orleans next Wednesday.

Mrs. MAY AGNES FLEMING, a popular story writer, formerly known as "Cousin May Carleton," has died recently in New

A complimentary banquet was given yesterday by the medical profession of New Orleans to Dr. SAMUEL D. GROSS, of Philadelphia, at Spanish Fort. A large and ninety-nine of them. Each of them number of distinguished persons were

Ry the will of the late General WILLIAM BADGER TIBBITS, of Troy, N. Y., \$10,000 with equal certainty." To which we say is bequeathed with which to build a sol- Pittsburgh Post is informed, called the that anybody who undertakes to force diers' home in Troy, conditioned upon the Cameron "unit rule" on the Demo- \$50,000 additional being secured within

Mr. JAMES BUCHANAN wrote in 1844 a gates to Cincinnati have a right to vote characteristic letter, which has just been

> at Portsmouth, Va.. Tuesday night. The from Portsmouth commandery of Masonic year or more ago, and this no doubt ends guards, a white man, were drawn under ferred to Levi H. Longenecker. Knights Templar and a delegation from Farragut Post, G. A. R.

of the present Earl of Perth, has not gone back to Scotland, but is engaged in business in New York city. He is not and never was a porter. He feels hurt at the imputation that he had gone to Scotland and left his wife, to whom he is indebted declares he would not part with her for an earldom.

MINOR TOPICS.

Mr. Hoar quotes from "The Pirates of Penzance" in his senatorial harangues. Alas, and has it so soon come to these base

In the Kentucky Senate yesterday the famous whipping post bill, which passed the House some time ago, was laid on the table and virtually defeated.

THE House of Representatives of Rhode Island yesterday adopted resolutions, 48 to 11, submitting to the electors the proposition of an amendment to the constitution giving women school suffrage.

THE New Era understands that Quay 'can afford" to make a martyr of himself "in order to save his friends, the roosters and lobbyists, who have been convicted of a grave crime against the state and public policy. He has had his 'reis that Stone and Palmer will resign rather

An old varn in new shape is going the rounds of the Western press to the effect that a Miss Elizabeth Smith, who died recently in Indiana, aged 94, was once betrothed to James Buchanan and "had fortune favored, would have been the lady of the White House. The wedding clothes were prepared, the day set and preparations made, when by some cause, never revealed, the match was broken by a solemn pledge that neither would ever marry, a pledge that was sacredly kept." The story is an entire fiction and all interest attaching to Miss Smith on that account must be dropped.

THE Pittsburgh Post and the Chambersburg Valley Spirit allege that in some districts certain Democrats have been offered positions under Republican census supervisors, conditioned upon the appointees ors to dictate their course in the Democratic state convention. We have the proof that the same thing has been attempted in Lancaster county, and we neck would be lighter for him to carry lace which it accuses us of, but than the offense fixed upon him of which we are sure we do not have. having been bribed by Republican patron-If we are all working towards the one age to let Republican officeholders control his conduct in the state convention of

> tleman, fond of the good things of life, and, like other Englishmen, disposed to patronize us in a friendly, paternal man-

STATE ITEMS. ' W. C. Meyer's store, in Shippensburg

has been plundered of \$1,000 worth of dry

goods. Adam Dotter was instantly killed a Stony creek, while attemping to jump on coal train. He is from Monroe county. Mary Keith, aged nearly three years, was fatally burnt yesterday at her home in De Gray Place, Philadelphia. Mary Lawler fell dead in her kitchen, and Mary

Powers fell dead at her washing. Dr. Cable, a prominent physician of Pittsburgh, administered his ten year old boy a teaspoonful of morphine in mistake for a cramp medicine. The dose will prove

George Moore, a lad aged thirteen years, attempted to jump from a moving freight train near the German refinery, below East Brady, and was thrown under the wheels. His leg was cut off just below

the knee. Robert Abel, of Titusville, died from the effects of inhaling the fumes of nitric acid. While Robert and William Abel were drawing the acid from a carboy the carboy broke, which filled the room full of smoke, both catching the fumes. William will recover.

There are now nine hundred and ninety building and loan associations in Pennsyl vania, Philadelphia having four hundred has an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, and an average paid up fund of from \$50, 000 to \$100,000 each.

The chairman of the Beaver Democratic county committee, Mr. Hirst, has, the committee for Saturday next, and announces that he is a candidate for delegate to the state convention. Short notice and looks like a set up !

Captain Anderson, of the Red Star line steamship Switzerland, which arrived at twenty-five days, states that she encountered a succession of heavy westerly gales, two children died and several passengers were more or less injured by the shaking up they received. The ship sustained no

The Messrs. Collins-Philip and Thomas of Philadelphia, the well-known railroad contractors, who entered with so much courage on the building of the Madeira their case in London, the Hor se of Lords

the undertaking. Principal Wm. Davis, of the Edenburg | the squad were more or less injured, but Farragut Post, G. A. R.

It appears that George Essex Monti
It appears that George FEX, Lord Drummond, grandson and heir not dusted and laid all the blame on the mountains.

janitress, whom he pronounced "one of the most indolent specimens of humanity on the face of the earth." The janitress, 'a most worthy young lady," has a brother, who proceeded to knock the teacher down with a hoe handle, and when the injured man went to a lawyer the latter refused to take up the case, telling him that he deserved all that he had got. Here the case rests for the present.

THE PRESIDENCY.

Splinters From Various Booms William H. Armstrong, of Lycoming county, this state has been down in Washington expressing his opinion on the presidency. He says that there is no doubt that a majority of the people in his district are favorable to Blaine, but that there is a

strong feeling among the leading politi-

cians in the state that General Grant is the

stronger candidate of the two. Senator Logan says that in the press reports from Chicago no mention is made of the Grant news in Illinois. The fact that Kane county has elected seven Blaine delegates to six for Grant is telegraphed, but no mention was made of the convention held at Shelbyville that elected a solid Grant delegation. He receives hundreds of letters every day from all sections of

the West, indicating a decided change in

opinion in favor of Grant during the last

two weeks. A leading politician in Kansas writes: 'This has been called a sure enough Blaine state, but you need not be surprised if it sends a Grant delegation to Chicago." The delegate elections favor Blaine. A leading editor in Iowa writes: 'The sentiment in this state has changed greatly within the last fortnight. The papers are beginning to come out for him in obedience to this sentiment. I do not think Blaine can carry the delegation." Senator Carpenter has news of a similar character from Wisconsin.

The Allentown Democrat thinks very highly of Mr. Tilden and says so, but adds: The result of last fall's election in New York seems to indicate danger to our party in 1880 if Mr. Tilden should be at the head of the ticket. We regret this as much as any one can regret it. We could give Mr. Tilden as cheerful a support as we could to any one whose name has been mentioned in connection with the presidency. It is a fact—an ugly fact—that a large element in the Democratic party of the Empire state is hostile to Mr. Tilden. We are not prepared to say that this disaffection would defeat the election of Mr. Tilden, but it does seem potent enough to endanger it. Can the party, ought the party, create obstacles of danger unnecessarily? We take it that the cause we represent is of primary importance. We believe the principles of the Democratic party are right; that if carried out they would "promote the general wel-"secure the blessings of liberty' and add stability and 'permanence to our free institutions. Men are transitory, but principles are eternal."

E. A. J. McHenry, of Mississippi, reports that the Democrats of that state are hostile to the nomination of Tilden at Cincinnati, and that many of the most prominent and active members of the party declare they will not vote for him if he is nominated. Mr. McHenry says the members of the Mississippi Legislature were recently polled on the choice of candidates. Over 150 votes were polled, of which only five were cast for Tilden. Seymour led, with Bayard second and Hancock

held a very enthusiastic mass convention. Hon. Butler B. Strang presided, and resolutions were unanimously adopted condemning the action of the state convention, ignoring the delegates named by it and taking measures to appoint genuine Republican delegates to represent the district at Chicago. Several leading Republicans made speeches and the meeting adjourned with ringing cheers for Blaine.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. There was a heavy snow storm in Vermont yesterday. At Derby Line it was nearly two feet deep.

Several piano firms in New York have agreed to pay the increased wages demanded by their workmen. Elbert Mack was shot dead by Henry

Hollowell at Princeton. Ky., yesterday, for killing Hollowell's dog. The steamboat Little P., was burned, with 100 bales of cotton, opposite Vicks-burg, Miss., last evening. No lives were

Hamlin, the Connecticut murderer, is to be hanged on the 28th of May, the Legislature having refused to postpone the execution.

A saloon in Dublin, Ohio, was blown up early yesterday morning, it is alleged, by the temperance people. The building was wrecked, but no one injured. At Albany yesterday a small state con-

vention of New York Greenbackers and Labor men was held. One lady was admitted as a delegate. The usual resolutions in favor of more greenbacks and higher wages were adopted. The Episcopal church at Leithgow, N.

Y., was burned yesterday morning. The Lenten services were in progress and the congregation escaped through the windows, no one being injured. Loss, about \$3,000 ; insured. Mr. George W. Carhart, through

freight agent of the New York Central railroad, has been appointed foreign freight agent of the Great Western Dispatch and Erie and Pacific Dispatch freight line for New York, with his office near the produce exchange.

In Charlotte county, Va., John H. Mosely, a highly respected citizen, was shot and instantly killed by Andrew J. Cassidy. The murdered man, it seems was mistaken by Cassidy for a negro with whom he had a difficulty earlier in the night, and was shot standing in his door. Cassidy is under arrest.

A man named Williams has been arrested in Baltimore charged with sending offensive letters to Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix and other prominent citizens of New York. He made a confession, and said he did not know what impelled him to the freak, and he is believed to be a mono-

A council of 200 members of the Citizens' Protective Union at San Francisco on Tuesday night nominated fifteen freeholders as candidates for office at the charter election. Eight are Democrats and seven Republicans. It is expected that they will be endorsed by the Democratic and Republican county committees.

Miss Ella Benton, a niece of Henry Schoonover, a hunter and trapper living near Prompton, killed a black bear weighing over 400 pounds in a hand-to-hand encounter a fortnight ago. She was rabbit hunting, when the dogs treed an 'animal, Philadelphia, yesterday, after a voyage of and she presuming it to be a coon, took aim up the hollow interior of the tree in which it was disappearing. Master Bruin promptly tumbled down, and made after her, but she greeted him with a knifehrust, and when he threw her down was fortunate enough to get in a second blow,

severing the jugular vein. A Fatal Accident.

While a construction train on the Western North Carolina railroad was proceeding to cut in the road (which had been by slides), having on board a number of convicts, who were to have been put to work to remove the obstructions, one of the flat cars jumped the | charging the rule. the train and crushed to death. Others of

THE CONGRESSIONAL MUDDLE.

Exciting Times in the Lower House. The filibustering in the House continued vesterday over the resolution offered by Mr. McLane, to discharge the committee on revision of the laws from further con sideration of Mr. Townshend's bill, and refer it to the committee of ways and means. As the journal of Monday's proceedings had not been approved, speaker, instead of ruling himself that the journal of Tuesday's proceedings could not therefore be read, indicated that he believed such to be the proper construction of the law, and left the question to the House. It decided that the journal should not be read. About two hours' time was consumed in discussion of this point. Mr. McLane then rose to a question of privilege, and moved the adop-tion of his resolution. Another hour was consumed in discussing the question of privileges, and the House finally decided it to be one. Then the filibustering began in earnest. Short speeches were made by several members. Mr. Oscar Turner appealed to the House to cease its foolishness. He said that the tariff men were in an evident majority, and when the bill introduced by Mr. Townshend was reported back to the House it could easily be referred to the committee of ways and means. Mr. Mills spoke for a few moments about the high tariff, which he said was enriching the rich and making poorer the poor.

Judge Kelley of Pennsylvania charged that Mr. Townshend had evaded and violated the rules of the House and the law, in smuggling his little bill to revise the tariff into the bosom of the committee on revision of the laws under a deceptive

Mr. Townshend wanted to know whether the member from Pennsylvania intended to insinuate anything. But when the Illinois representative had got thus far he was dragged into his seat, and a bloody

scene was thus possibly averted. At the conclusion of the speech-making, and after Mr. Townshend had explained the reasons which induced him to move his resolution, Mr. McLane moved the previous question. Dilatory and filibustering motions followed until nearly 7 o. m., when the House found itself without a quorum. The doors were locked and the sergeant-at-arms and his deputies were sent in quest of absent members. The scenes enacted while the House was waiting for a quorum were of the most ridicuous and, in some instances of a disgraceful character. Among the first to appear was General Bingham, and his excuse was that he had gone home to dine. The House refused to excuse him, and he stood in imminent danger of having the penalty imposed, Mr. Steele, of North Carolina disturbed the dignity of the House by reciting Tam O'Shantar" when arraigned at the bar, amid jeers and cat calls. Mr. Frost. of Missouri, created a sensation by appearing in the custody of the sergeantat-arms arrayed in full evening dress, he having been dragged from a supper party. The scene was intensely amusing and highly enjoyed by the crowded galleries. The contest finally resolved itself into a question of endurance. Mr. Blackburn shouted that he would stay twelve months before he would yield, and one motion after another to adjourn was made, the yeas and nays being demanded on each.

Some excitement was created on the floor by a dispute between Messrs. Blackburn and Coffroth. The latter was ex-The Republicans of Tioga county, Pa., | tariff, when he said he would rather be a traitor to the Democratic party than a traitor to his country. Finally the lie passed, and Blackburn reached out for Coffroth, when members, sitting near, arose

and parted the disputants. Blackburn in his wrangle with Coffroth, it seems, declared that Randall was a traitor to his party, when Coffroth replied in the language already quoted. Blackburn sprang to his feet and cried, "You lie! you lie! you lie!" At half-past 11 o'clock the sergeant-at-arms appeared at the bar, having in custody Messrs. Robeson, Mills, Hooker and others, all in full dress, and who had been guests at a supper given by the ex-secretary of the navy. The party was received with applause. The incident varied the dry monotony of the roll-call. At 12:15 the House adjourned. The struggle will be continued. 'Mr. Nicholas, of Georgia, gave notice that he would oppose all dilatory

motions.

The Home and Colored Children. xaminer. The taxpavers of the county of Lancaster have assumed to contribute almost the entire sum required to support the 'Home for Friendless Chileren." an institution which has its origin in a private charitable enterprise. Over one hundred children are cared for in it, and the county pays ten thousand dollars to the institution One of the conditions on which it is paid is that no distinction shall be made on account of religion, race or color in the admission of children. Up to this time no colored child has been admitted to the Home, owing principally to the narrow prejudice of one person connected with its management against the color of a black skin. The question was submitted to the court, and the law interpreted so plainly that now there can be no mistaking its meaning. But as will be seen elsewhere, at a meeting of the trustees a resolution was passed, which looks to an arrangement by which the county is asked to go to an additional expense of erecting another and separate building, in which the few colored children are to be penned up, and kept apart from the white children, before certain over nice managers can be reconciled to contaminate themselves with a few poor "nigger" children. \* \* We don't know what will be the effect on some who now object to caring for God's poor and unfortunate waifs with dark skins, under the same roof with those of a white color, if they should chance to get into heaven and find " niggers there. They will probably agree to stay, but pass a resolution for an appropriation for a separate heaven! Is it not about time to stop this nonsense? If the pres ent management is not able to meet this let it get out. There are hundreds of good, God-fearing men and women who can do it. Those who cannot throw their the Queen. Of the remainder of the cast hates and prejudices aside had better go it may be said that, while for the most and no longer stand in the way of what the part they were sticks, they did not malaw and common sense demands.

A Disastrous Fire.

The entire business portion of Samana, San Domingo, was burned on Tuesday, the 9th inst, entailing an estimated loss o \$150,000. The fire covered a space of about ruined, and the poor would be on the verge of starvation, were it not that the country around Samana abounds in fruit, upon which all are subsisting. The most disgraceful scenes of pillage followed the fire. extinguish the kitchen fire before going to further immediate danger. bed at night.

Argument Court.

opinion in the case of Emma L. Smith vs. thonotary's office, stating how long they Anna E. Snyder, rule to show cause why sheriff's sale should not be set aside, dis-

The license of Henry Brackbill, of Lan-

This morning, after hearing the argu-10 o'clock.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE DRAMA. Lawrence Barrett as Hamlet.

The appearance of the eminent actor Lawrence Barrett at Fulton opera house last evening was the occasion for the assembling of a large audience. The sombre old tragedy of "Hamlet," with all its harrowing incidents and unattractive situations, the dark and dismal story it enacts of treachery and deceit, adultery and murder, despair and insanity, retains in a remarkable degree its power as a "drawing card," wherever the drama exists as a popular institution. The insight it gives into many of the occult attributes of the human understanding constitutes the key to its enduring favor with play-goers the world over. There can be no real entertainment nor enjoyment in watching the soul-harrowing occurrences that make up this play as they pass one after the other before the vision of the spectator, further than they serve to excite his admiration of the wonderful knowledge of character and the masterful creative genius of the author which are delineated in the actions and words of the people of the mimic world in whom, for the time being, the beholder's intensest interest is enlisted. The text of the piece constitutes an almost complete epitome of the thoughts and feelings that animate the arcana of man's innermost being,

and the well-spring of all human

action is drawn from with lavish

freedom in the scatentious utter-

ances of the melancholy Dane. She liked the play, but "there were so many quotations in it," is what a young woman is reported as declaring on witnessing for the first time the production of this work of almost supernatural genius. And there is a whole world of reflection in that remark, which some people would be disposed to regard as artless and more as very stupid. The aphorisms and sophisms that make up the soliloquies and declamation of the mad prince have taken complete possession of the popular mind, impregnated it with its philosophy and cynicism, and there's not a school-boy, nor anyone be he never so slightly acquainted in the world of etters, but has a sentence from "Hamlet" at his tongue's end which he is sure to find applicable to some new turn in the kaleidscope of everyday life. Wherefore it is ago made people's blood run cold, is to-day the strong "attraction" that it is, and its performance even in this alleged age of degeneracy and decay in morality and understanding and classic lore is nightly witnessed by large audiences following with absorbed interest events that are repulsive in their horridness, related in a text as limpid as the untroubled waters, whose rhythm falls on the ear like the music of the spheres.

Of last night's performance it can only be said that it approached as near perfection as human art could bring it, so far at least as the central figure was concerned. Mr. Barrett's Hamlet has become a model after which aspiring actors seek to fashion | tionate father. their interpretation of the part. His genius is not seen in the irregular flashes dren and grand-children loved to gather. that light up an occasional passage, but shines with a steady glow that illuminates his entire performance with a flame brilliant but of lambent transparency. In facial expression, gesture, tone of voice, word and action, were seen the intelligent art of the great actor. His whole manner, betokening intellectual force and a reason unclouded by the madness that was come upon it, conveyed to the spectator with startling vividness the ideal of the melancholy Dane which the most intelligent Shakspearean students and commentators have agreed upon, and there was a harmonious unison throughout his entire performance that took away the youd the river, where no night comes, and unpleasant impression of forced art which many actors leave with their audiences during what they evidently are pleased to regard as the most powerful passages. Mr. Barrett finds no occasion to resort to the common deception of so many actors in entrapping their audiences into enthusiastic admiration by violent declamation. He himself most admirably follows the injunction which as the methodical madman he addresses to the players, and in the very whirlwind of his passion has acquired and begotten a temperance wherewith to give it smoothness. Discretion hath been his tutor, and, o'er-stepping not the modesty of nature,

he holds the mirror up to nature whose image is reflected with startling vividness. Mr. Barrett's recitation of the famous soliloquy beginning "To be, or not to be, that is the question,"

was superb, and in the frenzied scene with of the audience.

Mr. Barrett's support was of fair average ability, but the distinguished head of the cast was in no danger of having the honors shared by any other member. Mr. J. R. Grismer, as Lacrtes, performed his part acceptably, while in the role of Polonius Mr. J. B. Curran did fairly, albeit he failed to develop the full capacity of the role. Miss Ellen Cummins ( who, it may be remembered, was the heroine of the Porter tragedy in Texas ) played the part of Ophelia in a manner that wrought her audience up to a high degree of sympathy, and Mrs. J. R. Carhart was quite good as terially detract from the merit of the per-

Again in Limbo.

formance.

Charles Wilmer, the negro who was recently arrested on the charge of indecent assault on Mrs. Taylor at the Octoraro six acres. As there was not a dollar of parsonage and released on \$1,500 bail, had insurance, nearly all the merchants are a hearing yesterday before 'Squire Baughman at Georgetown on two similar charges, and was committed in default of \$3,500 bail. Wilmer is a man of notoriously bad repute, a terror to the white The custom house was damaged by the women of his neighborhood, and it is a conflagration. The fire is said to have relief to them that he is so securely caged originated in the neglect of a servant to as to protect them at present from any

Filed Affidavits.

have been practicing medicine, showing five years medical experience and claiming the privileges of the late law to regulate practitioners.

College Closed. Franklin and Marshall college closed this morning, in order to give the students a are going home.

THE LATE JACOB STAUFFER.

Minute of the Session of Lancaster Presbyic-A special meeting of the session of Lancaster Presbyterian church was held last evening at the house of Elder A. McKim immediately after the regular weekly leeture. The pastor, Rev. James Y Mitchell, formally announced the death of Elder Jacob Stauffer, which occurred on Monday evening, March 22, at a quarter past eight o'clock. After remarks by the elders present it was resolved to attend the funeral on the following day in a body, and, on invitation of the family of the deceased,

Minute.

The session of Lancaster Presbyterian church, in entering upon its records a minute touching the death of Elder Jacob Stauffer, would not be unmindful of the goodness of our covenant-keeping God, who, though clouds and darkness are round about His throne, still ruleth in righteousness, and doeth all things well. To His praise, and for our comfort in the midst of present sorrowing, we recall the Divine words, "we know that all things

to assist as pall bearers. The following

additional minute was ordered to be en-

tered on the records of the session and a

copy to be presented to the bereaved fam-

work together for good to them that love With gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we make mention of the fact that our deceased brother was enabled, for well-nigh half a century, to witness a good profession of his faith in Christ. When in the vigor of early manhood he gave his heart to Jesus, and by Divine grace was enabled to continue steadfast even unto the end. From the Presbyterian church of Mount Joy, Lancaster county, which was his spiritual birth-place, and in which be labored as a member, teacher and superintendent in the Sabbath school, for some twenty years, and, as an elder, for eighteen years, he left, on coming to Lancaster, to east in

his lot with us. In the providence of God, his life was spared, and his connection with this church was unbroken and undisturbed through a score of years, during which he was a sharer in all the efforts of the people, and was enabled to give his counsel, his labors and his gifts to further their interests.

Generous by nature, grace enlarged his spirit, and cheerfully and liberally did he give as the Lord prospered him.

The Holy Spirit made him a working Christian; so that from the commencement of his Christian life, he was found in the vineyard, laboring not only as an officebearer in the church, but as a teacher in that this gloomy old play that centuries the Sabbath school, until prevented by impaired health.

As a co-worker with us in our sessional labors, we bear testimony to his genial, warm and cheerful disposition, the fervor of his piety and his constant desire to promote the interests of this Zion.

We shall miss him greatly; but we shall ever remember him as one who often encouraged but never discouraged us: one whose cheerful manner lent interest to our meetings and one who heartily joined with us in seeking to do the will of Him who has called him hence to receive the welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.

With such an intimacy as we enjoyed with our brother elder we know the better how to sympathize with the family of the deceased, who mourn the loss of an af-

He was the centre around which chil-His companionship and counsel were gladly sought. He loved them, but not more than they loved him.

The session of Lancaster church extends its warmest sympathies to the sorrowing family, glad to assure them, however, that they are not as mourners without hope, for their loved and Christian father has gone, as he himself often expressed it, "to one of the many mansions which Christ

has prepared for those who love Him. We mingle our sorrow with your sorrow; but let us also rejoice together; for there is still left to us your father's God-your father's Christ-your father's Comfortertogether with the rich promises and the sweet communications, by means of which we may find joy in this wilderness, and at last be brought together in the world bewhere sorrowing, sighing, and separation are eternally unknown.

WOODEN BUILDINGS.

The Limits Within Which They are Pro-hibited.

In quoting the city ordinance, prohibiting the construction of wooden buildings within certain limits, our reporter copied from a volume of the city digest, which did not contain an amendment to the ordinance extending said limits. Said amendment prohibits the erection of wooden buildings within the following boundaries: Commencing at the corner of West King and Charlotte streets; thence up Charlotte to Walnut, down Walnut to Mulberry, up Mulberry to James, thence along James street eastward to Duke street, thence along Duke street southward to Lemon street, down Lemon street to Lan-Ophelia his powers, subjected to the caster cemetery, along Lancaster cemetery severest test, responded fully to the call to New Holland pike and Shippen street. made upon them. Mr. Barrett was twice up Shippen to Chestnut, along Chestnut called before the curtain by the plaudits to Plum, up Plum to East King, thence along East King westward to Middle street, down Middle to South Queen, up South Queen to Conestoga, down Conestoga to Filbert alley, along Filbert alley to Poplar street, along Poplar street to Strawberry, up Strawberry to West King street at place of beginning.

A Sexton Watched. There is a series of meetings being held in St. Paul's Reformed church of Quarryville during the present week, preparatory to the Easter communion service. Last evening, immediately after service, Mr. Henry H. Aument, the worthy sexton of the church, was made the recipient of a very handsome silver watch as a testimonial of his services, upon the part of the members of the congregation and his friends in the neighborhood. The presentation was made by the Rev. D. B. Shuey, the pastor, in a few well chosen remarks, which were fittingly responded to by Geo. W. Hensel. Mr. Aument was taken completely by surprise which was very much enjoyed by all present.

The watch was an American hunting case. On the inside of the case was beautifully engraved, "H.H. Aument, from St. Paul's Reformed church, 1880,"

Gone to Join a Circus.

George Goodhart and George Carr, of this city, left for Philadelphia this morning, where they will join Cooper & Bailev's Dr. Campbell and Doctress Sweeney, of circus, with which the former will travel In court Judge Livingston delivered an this city, have filed affidavits in the proposter. Goodhart traveled with Van Amburgh's show last season, and both he and Carr have been bill-posters in this city for

In the list of officers and employees of Van Amburgh's show, published in the New York Clipper of this week, the name of Thomas Daily, of this city, appears as boss of the bill posters of that show. Mr.